



VWCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2016 7:00 P.M.

Victoria West Community Centre

In Attendance: Justine Semmens (Chair), Mike Medland, Dar Purewall, Sean Dance, Susan Morrow, Supriya Crocker, Nick Van Buren, Nan Judd, Mark Dickerson, Dar Purewall, Kimberley Stratford – Neighbourhood Liaison, Jeremy Loveday-Councillor Liaison, Bayley Gale- Recorder

Regrets: John Mullane

1. Call to Order: 7:04pm

2. Adoption of agenda

Motion: *Moved by JS that the agenda be adopted. Seconded by NJ. Carried.*

3. Approval of minutes from February 28, 2017 board meeting.

Motion: *Moved by DP that the minutes from February 28 minutes be adopted as amended. Seconded by MM. Carried.*

4. City of Victoria Reports: Report from Kimberley Stratford, Neighbourhood Liaison (Ms. Stratford's City update for April is included in the agenda package). Councillor Liaison Jeremy Loveday

Mr. Loveday reported the following:

-Vic West Lawn Bowling Club has new leadership on their board, and are looking for opportunities to further integrate with VWCA. Mr. Loveday suggested that they challenge the VWCA board to a game of lawn bowling, and they have reached out to the VWCA President by email.

-The Housing First initiative has made their first announcement of housing: Salt Spring Island Women Against Violence will create 52 new rental units including 20 for seniors and 18 for women experiencing chronic homelessness. Cool Aid is going to redevelop a unit at Cedar Grove and will create 82 new units. This is the first time the CRD has really come together to pitch in and recognize housing as a regional issue.

Ms. Stratford reported the following:

-The basketball court in Banfield Park will be refinished this year, but the tennis courts have yet to be determined. There are funds to repair 4 courts throughout the city. A workshop will take place later in the year to determine which courts will be resurfaced.

-Ideas Fair for the Great Neighbourhood Grant program coming up on April 19 from 3:30-7:30pm. Information will be shared around how to work on projects in the public realm. More information is available at www.victoria.ca.

5. Executive reports:

- President: report included.

-President reported an update re: sewage traffic. 2 open houses will take place in upcoming weeks. This information will be mailed out to members as a bulletin.

-An updated proposal re: new job descriptions for Centre Manager and other staff was created today. This will be sent out and ratified by e-mail. Responses are required from every board member. It is expected that the new positions will have a positive impact on the work being done by Directors, and discussion will continue to take place around how the new positions can serve the Board.

-Community members have approached about the installation of speed readers along Craigflower and Wilson. Mr. Loveday reported that he followed up with the City re: speed readers in mid-March. The original idea was to give them to neighbourhood associations, but that proposal did not pass at Council. Follow up communication will take place by email and sent to President as required.

- Vice president: no report included.
- Secretary: no report included.

Motion: *Moved by DP that the applications for membership from the following Victoria West residents be approved. Seconded by JS. Carried.*

Applicants for VWCA membership: *Nancy Trenchard (Songhees Road); Marla Ebell (Craigflower); Ann Sawatsky (Sitkum Rd)*

- Treasurer: FS for January 2017 included in agenda package.

Motion: *Moved by MM that the VWCA January financial statements be approved. Seconded by SC. Carried.*

Motion: *Moved by NJ that executive reports be received. Seconded by JS. Carried.*

6. Committee reports:

- **Centre committee:** Report included in agenda package; Centre manager report included in agenda package. The new outdoor sign has red writing but is supposed to have amber. The supplier intends to rectify the situation, but the timeline has not yet been established.
- **Communications:** Approved minutes included in agenda package.
- **Executive:** Approved minutes included in agenda package.

- **Finance:** February minutes included in agenda package.
- **Food Security Collective:** CGVC report included in agenda package. Currently looking for support from people who may want to sell plants or seedlings at Vic West Fest.
- **Governance:** no report included. Continuing to work on revisions of the bylaws.
- **Harbours:** no report included. Wastewater plant at McLaughlin has risk of marine impact and odour. Committee member shared that James Bay residents are holding a public meeting re: these concerns. Discussion took place around whether Harbour Committee members could attend the meeting as representatives of VWCA, or should attend in a personal capacity. It was determined that Committee members could attend in a personal capacity, and that unbiased information could be shared with VWCA membership around the upcoming event through social media.
- **Land use:** no report included; CALUC procedures processes for community associations included in agenda package.
- **Parks:** Committee Chair has become a Butterfly Ranger with the David Suzuki Butterflyway Project. VWCA has decided to sponsor this project. A meeting took place last week to formulate ideas, but was poorly attended. Future meetings will take place to engage community members. A proposal will be developed by June 1st and planting of butterfly attractants will hopefully start by October. Discussion took place around idea of creating a willow fence around the orchard. Background information about the orchard and concerns around creating a willow fence were shared by an Orchard Committee Member.
- **Projects and Events:** oral presentation on VWF planning and logistics. Written update distributed during meeting. Vic West Fest will take place on Saturday, May 6th. Brainstorming is taking place around plans and ideas, with the main goals of helping people to meet one another and to generate a sense of pride in Victoria West. An email re: increased costs for security and first aid attendants will be distributed in the upcoming week.

Motion: *Moved by SM that committee and project reports be received. Seconded by SC. Carried.*

7. New business

- Resilient Streets project collaboration renewal. Role of the VWCA would be to facilitate communication and to provide occasional meeting space.

Motion: *Moved by JS that the board renew Victoria West as a host neighbourhood for the Resilient Neighbourhood/ Resilient Streets project. Seconded by SM. Carried.*

- Governance Agenda (draft included in agenda package).

Motion: *Moved by JS that the Governance Agenda discussion be postponed until the upcoming April meeting. Seconded by SM. Carried.*

- C. Strategic Plan Initial Planning: Stages and Timeline (Presentations by Nan Judd and Supriya Crocker)

Motion: *Moved by JS that the Initial Planning be postponed until the upcoming April meeting. Seconded by NJ. Carried.*

8. Questions/Comments from the floor: None

9. Announcements: None

10. Adjournment: 9:07pm

Motion: *Moved by JS that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by MM. Carried.*

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